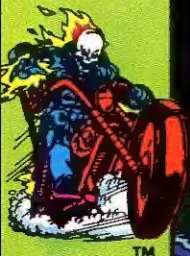


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THIS IS THE HELL-FLAME DEMON WHO WILL BE YOUR ADVERSARY IN THE EARTHLY REALM, TABICANTRA! FOR IT IS HE, KNOWN TO THE WORLD OF MORTAL MEN AS THE GHOST RIDER, WHOM I WOULD MAKE MY PAWN IN A CAMPAIGN OF FIERY TERROR AGAINST THE EARTH!

AS ALWAYS, LORD AZMODEUS, MY ARCAINE POWERS ARE YOURS TO COMMAND! BUT WHY SHOULD WE BE ADVERSARIES, THIS HELL-DEMON AND I? WOULD NOT THIS GHOST RIDER BE HONORED TO SERVE A HIGH LORD OF EVIL?



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INDEED HE WOULD, IF HE WERE BUT AN ORDINARY DEMON! BUT HIS DEMONIC NATURE IS HELD IN CHECK BY THE INSIDIOUS MORTAL INFLUENCE OF HIS HUMAN PERSONA, A NOMAD NAMED JOHNNY BLAZE!

SO LONG AS THE SOUL OF JOHNNY BLAZE CONTROLS THE DEMON FROM WITHIN, THE GHOST RIDER CAN NEVER FULLY BE MINE!

HHMM! THIS BLAZE IS NOT UNPLEASING TO LOOK UPON, ALL HIGHEST!

BUT IF HIS VERY EXISTENCE OFFENDS THEE, WOULD IT NOT BE SIMPLE TO OBLITERATE HIM AND BE DONE WITH IT?

NO, TABICAN-TRA! THAT WILL NOT DO!



FOR BOTH THE NOMAD AND HIS DEMON ARE DEPENDENT FOR THEIR VERY EXISTENCE ONE UPON THE OTHER! OBLITERATE JOHNNY BLAZE, AND THE GHOST RIDER, TOO, WILL PERISH!

YOU WILL USE YOUR POWERS AS I HAVE INSTRUCTED YOU, TABICANTRA, TO DESTROY THE CONTROL WHICH THE NOMAD EXERTS UPON THE DEMON—BEFORE THESE INFERNAL SOULS HAVE SIFTED THROUGH MY NETHERGLASS—

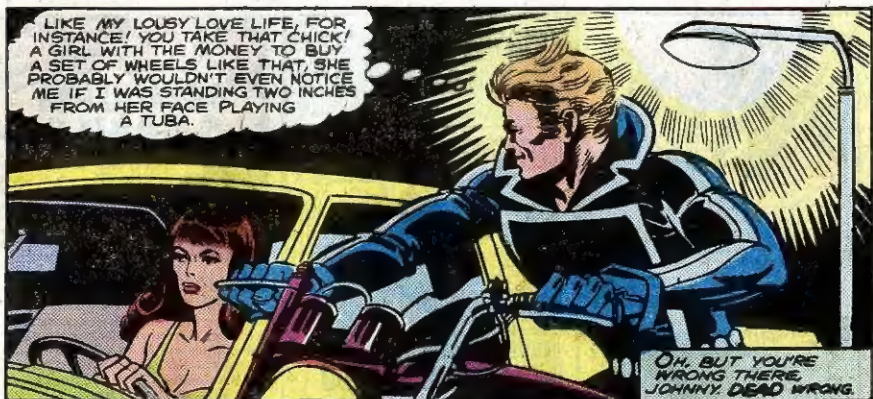
THEN SURELY AS MY NAME IS AZMODEUS, THE HELL-SPAWNED BIKER SHALL BE MINE TO CONTROL!

AND SO, SOMETIME LATER, AS WANDERING STUNT-BIKER JOHNNY BLAZE ZOOMS ALONG A LONELY STRETCH OF HIGHWAY JUST AFTER DARK...

HHMM! THAT FIAT ABARTH MONZA IS SURE ONE SEXY ROAD MACHINE! AND THAT LADY BEHIND THE WHEEL ISN'T HALF BAD EITHER!

BEING FOOTLOOSE HAS ITS GOOD POINTS, I GUESS, BUT IT SURE ALSO HAS ITS DIS-ADVANTAGES!





LIKE MY LOUSY LOVE LIFE, FOR INSTANCE! YOU TAKE THAT CHICK! A GIRL WITH THE MONEY TO BUY A SET OF WHEELS LIKE THAT, SHE PROBABLY WOULDN'T EVEN NOTICE ME IF I WAS STANDING TWO INCHES FROM HER FACE PLAYING A TUBA.

OH, BUT YOU'RE WRONG THERE, JOHNNY. DEAD WRONG.



THIS GIRL DEFINITELY HAS NOTICED YOU--NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT...

MAAAA! HE IS EVEN MORE HANDSOME IN PERSON THAN WAS HIS FLAME-IMAGE CONJURED UP FOR ME BY AZMODEUS!

BUT AZMODEUS HAS NOT DISPATCHED ME TO THE EARTHLY REALM TO ADMIRE HANDSOME MEN--



--BUT RATHER TO WEAKEN THE HOLD OF JOHNNY BLAZE ON HE WHOM MEN CALL--

--THE GHOST RIDER--!



AS THE ALLURING FEMALE FROM THE NETHERWORLD FOCUSES HER HAUNTING GAZE ON THE BIKER, BANDS OF OCCULT-POWER BEGIN TO EMANATE FROM HER EYES.



SUDDENLY...

HOLY CHRISTOPHER! THIS ELEVATED TRESTLE--IT'S BREAKING APART! IT'S COLLAPSING RIGHT UNDERNEATH MY BIKE!

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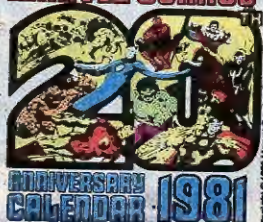


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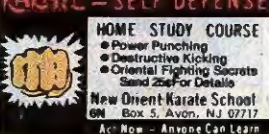
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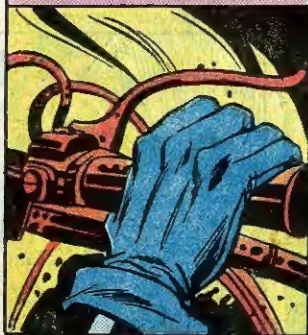
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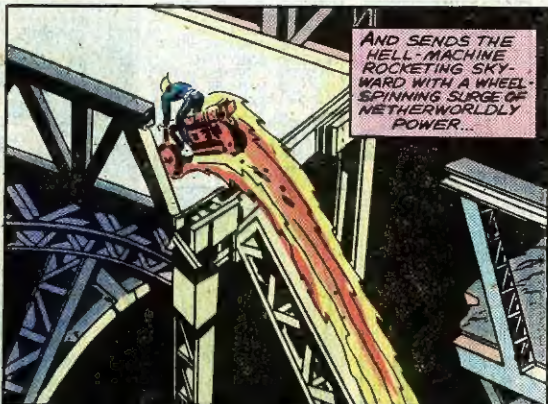
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AND IN THAT LIGHTNING-SWIFT INSTANT, HE CRANKS OPEN THE SMOLDERING THROTTLE IN HIS MIGHTY VISELIKE GRIP--



AND SENDS THE HELL-MACHINE ROCKETING SKYWARD WITH A WHEEL-SPINNING SURGE OF NETHERWORLDLY POWER....



WHILE IN THE EERIE NETHER-WORLD OF HELLFIRE AND ASHEN BRIMSTONE MIST...

HE HAS SURVIVED, MY LORD AZMODEUS! AGAINST ALL ODDS, THE GHOST RIDER HAS SURVIVED THE PLUNGE!



LITTLE DOES THE NOMAD BLAZE SUSPECT THE POWER OF TABICANTRA'S MAGIC. LITTLE DOES HE SUSPECT THAT EVERY TIME HE ALLOWS HIS DEMONIC SELF TO EMERGE, HIS CONTROL OVER HIS DEMON WILL DECLINE AND THEN DECLINE AGAIN!



UNTIL FINALLY, HE WILL HAVE ALLOWED THE GHOST RIDER TO EMERGE ONCE TOO OFTEN, AND THEN HIS HOLD OVER THE GHOST RIDER WILL BE FORFEIT, AND THE GHOST RIDER WILL BE MINE!

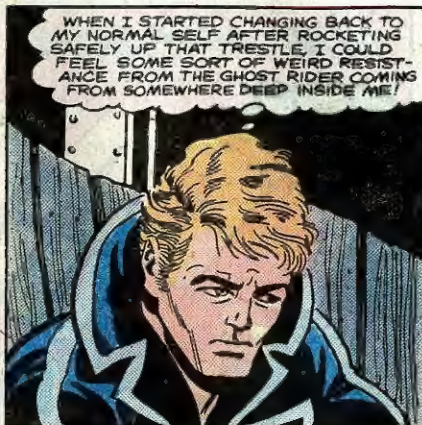




INDEED, AT THAT VERY MOMENT...

WHEW! IT LOOKS LIKE I WAS A LOT LUCKIER THAN I HAD ANY RIGHT TO BE! MY BIKE LANDED IN THIS PILE OF FRESHLY DUG EARTH FROM THAT CONSTRUCTION SITE! EXCEPT FOR NEEDING A HOSING DOWN, IT'S GOOD AS NEW!

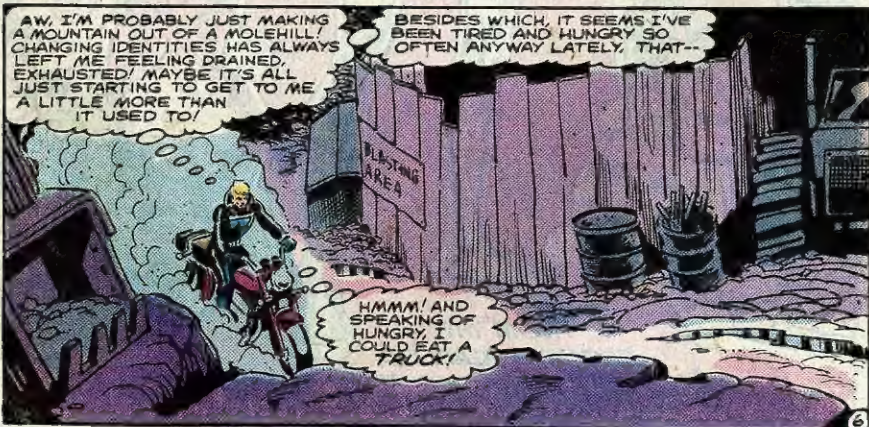
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING THAT'S WORRYING ME A LOT MORE THAN MY BIKE RIGHT NOW!



WHEN I STARTED CHANGING BACK TO MY NORMAL SELF AFTER ROCKETING SAFELY UP THAT TRESTLE, I COULD FEEL SOME SORT OF WEIRD RESISTANCE FROM THE GHOST RIDER COMING FROM SOMEWHERE DEEP INSIDE ME!



IT WAS ALMOST AS IF THE GHOST RIDER DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO CHANGE BACK, AS IF MY OWN CONTROL OVER THE GHOST RIDER WERE... WERE SLIPPING OR SOMETHING!



AW, I'M PROBABLY JUST MAKING A MOUNTAIN OUT OF A MOHILL! CHANGING IDENTITIES HAS ALWAYS LEFT ME FEELING DRAINED, EXHAUSTED! MAYBE IT'S ALL JUST STARTING TO GET TO ME A LITTLE MORE THAN IT USED TO!

BESIDES WHICH, IT SEEMS I'VE BEEN TIRED AND HUNGRY, SO OFTEN ANYWAY LATELY, THAT--

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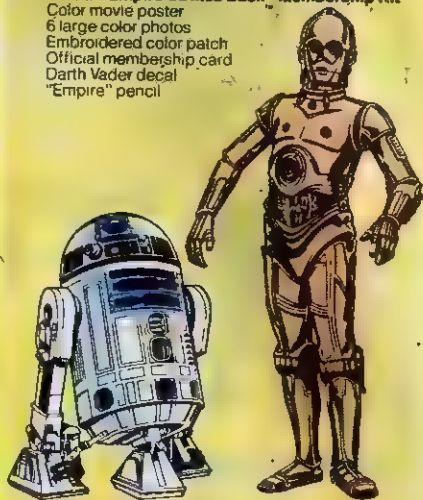
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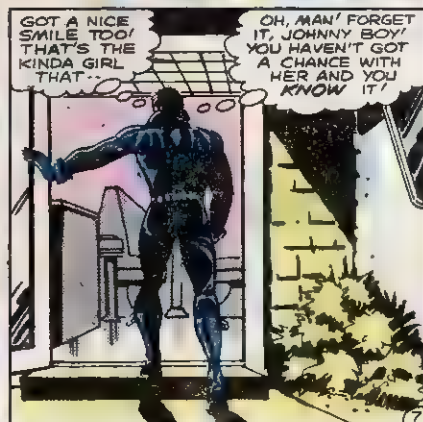
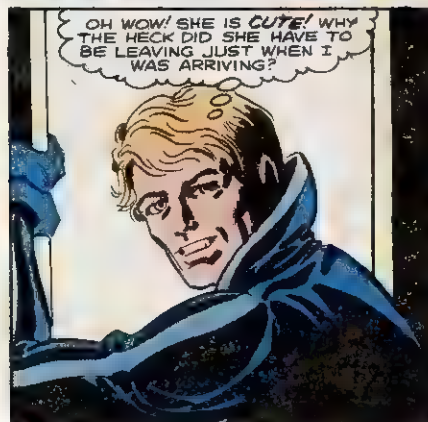
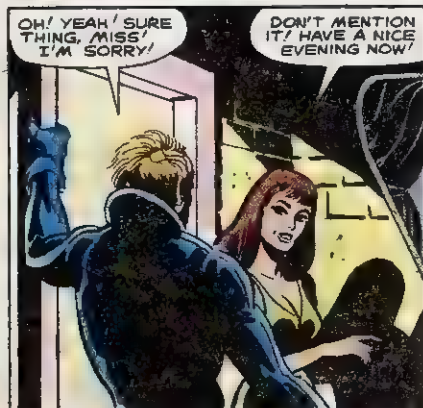
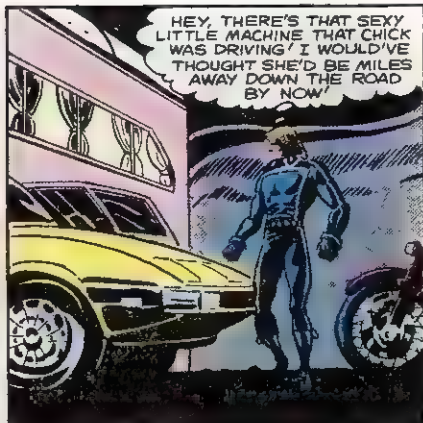
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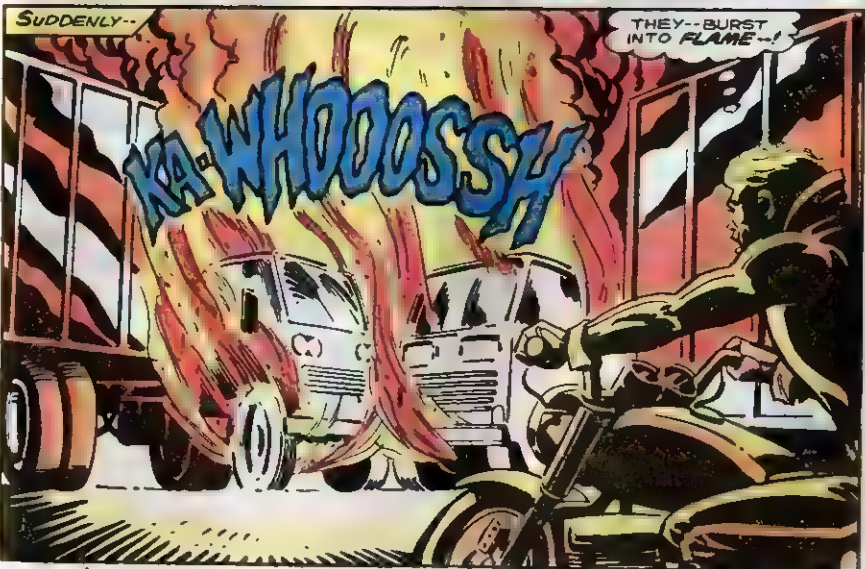
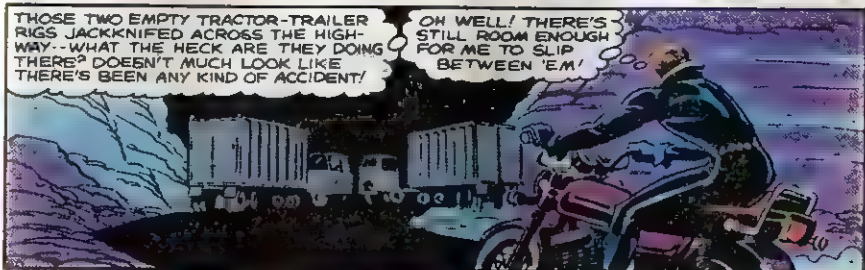
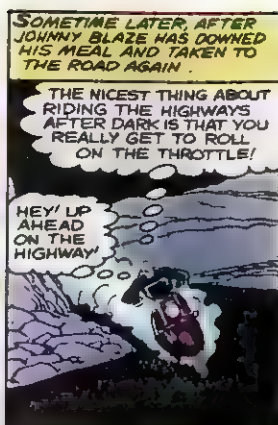
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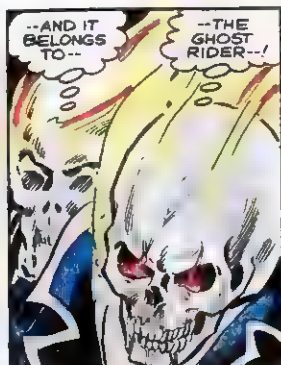
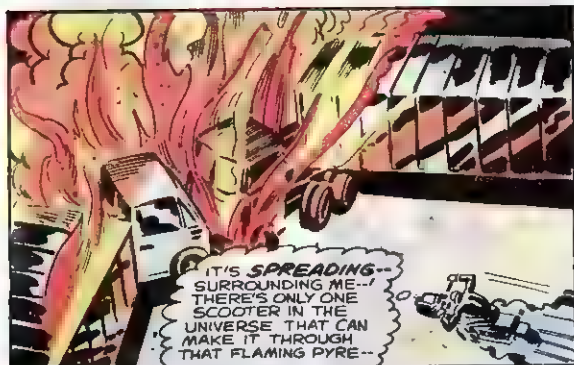
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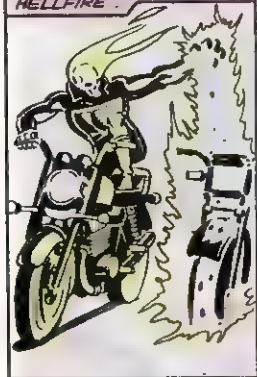
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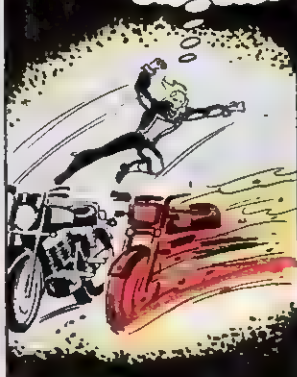


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SPURT FORTH FROM A
SKELETAL HAND TO
CREATE A MACABRE
MACHINE OF CRIMSON
HELLFIRE



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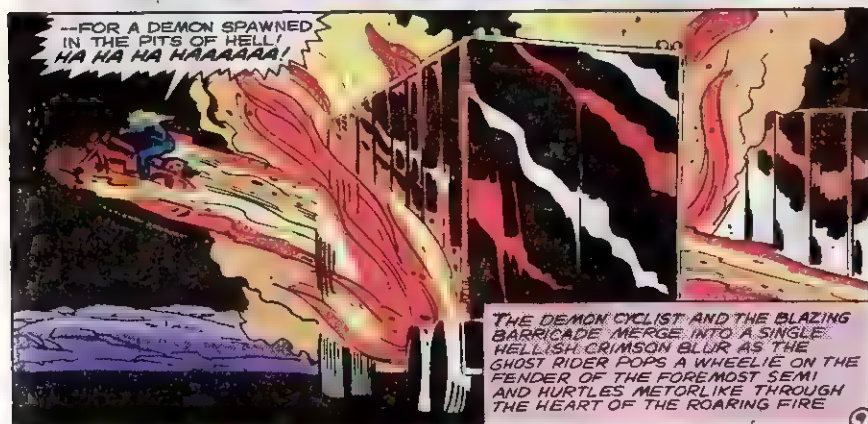


BY THE LORDS OF
HADES, I MADE IT! AND
NONE TOO SOON! THE
INFERNO LOOMS!

BUT WHAT TERROR
CAN EVEN THE
HOTTEST EARTHLY
FIRES HOLD--



--FOR A DEMON SPAWNED
IN THE PITS OF HELL!
HA HA HA HAAAAA!



THE DEMON CYCLIST AND THE BLAZING
BARRICADE MERGE INTO A SINGLE
HELLISH CRIMSON BLUR AS THE
GHOST RIDER POPS A WHEELIE ON THE
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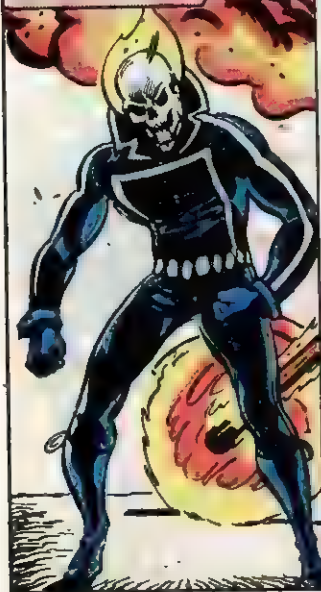
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THEN FINALLY, HESITANTLY, HE REACHES OUT TO REABSORB THE BLAZING BIKE INTO HIS OWN NETHERWORLDLY BEING



SLOWLY, AS THOUGH WITH AGONIZING RELUCTANCE, HE ALLOWS HIS IMMORTALITY TO BEGIN TO MELT AWAY--



--INTO THE FLESH AND BLOOD JOHNNY BLAZE.

GOOD GRIEF! SOMETHING'S DEAD WRONG! I KNOW IT IS! I ALWAYS EXPERIENCE FATIGUE, EVEN VERTIGO, WHENEVER I CHANGE IDENTITIES--

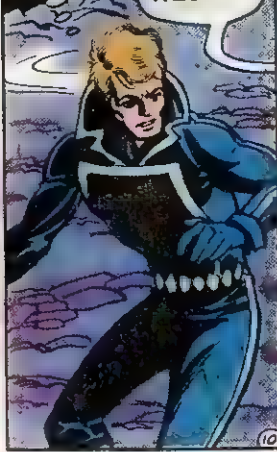


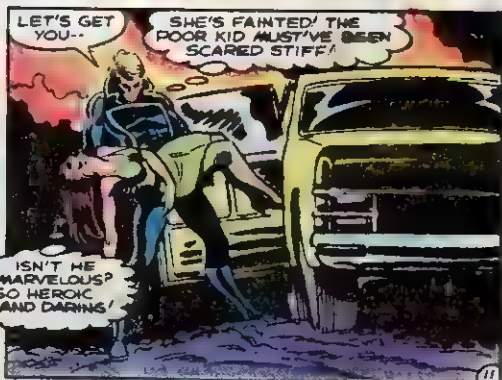
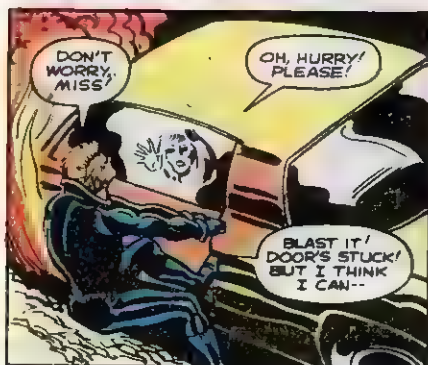
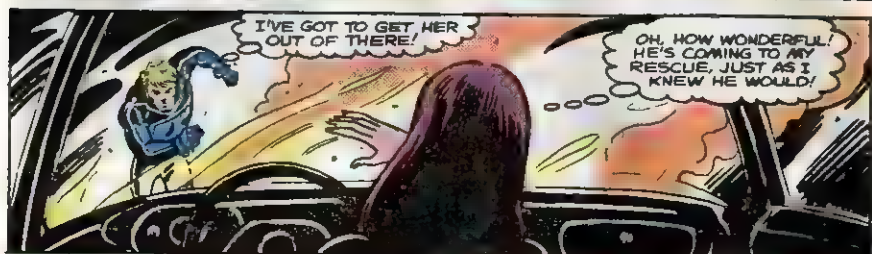
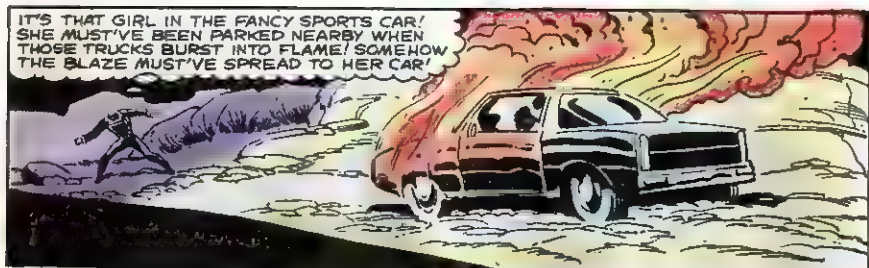
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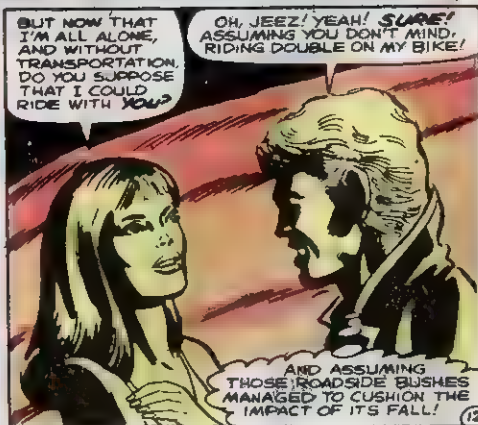
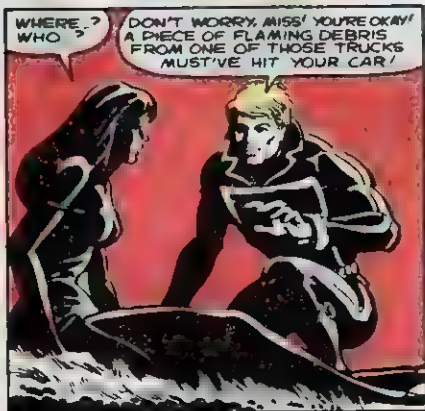
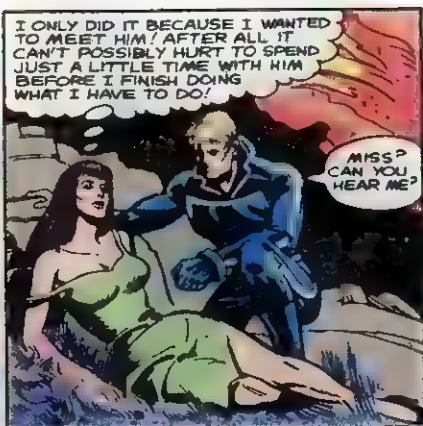
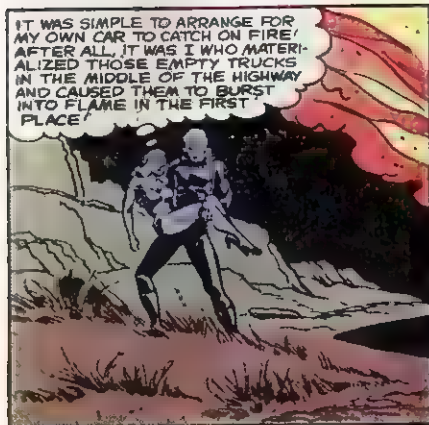


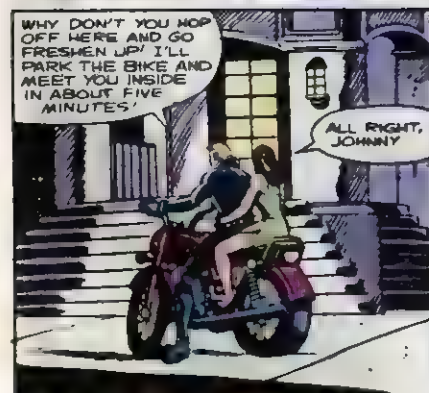
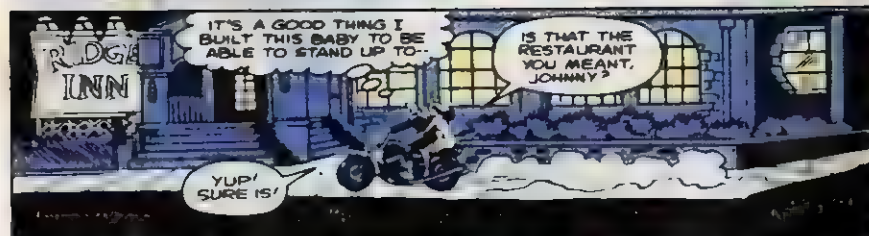
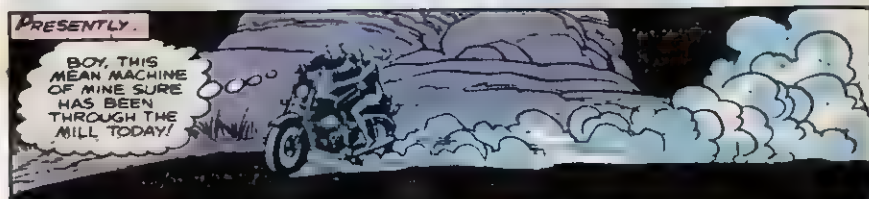
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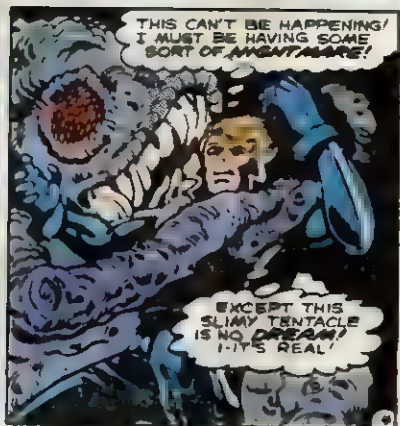
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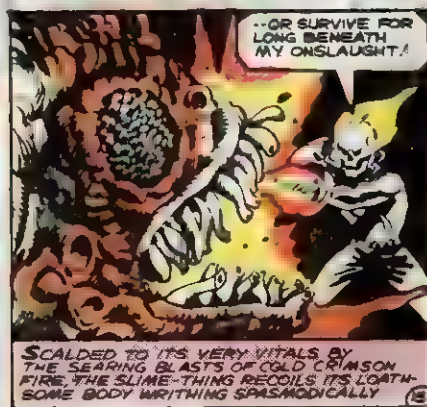
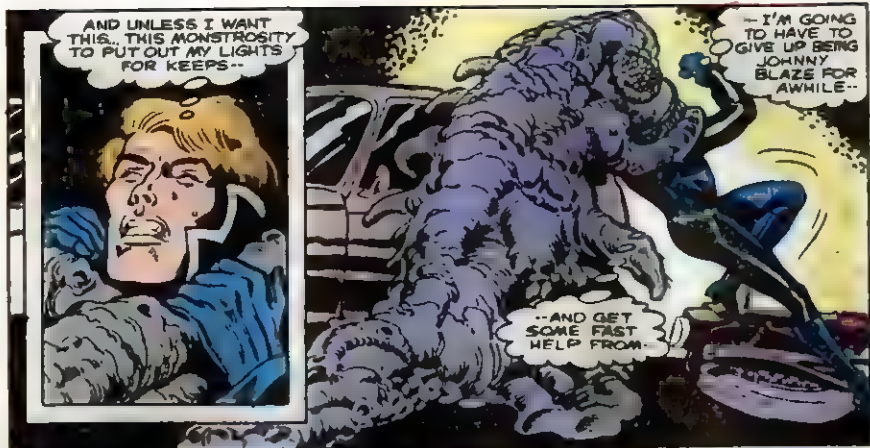












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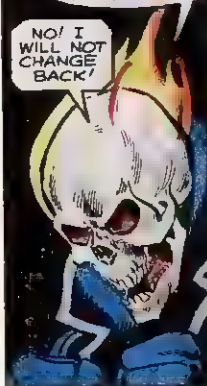
AND THEN, BY DEGREES, IT WITHERS AND VANISHES, DISAPPEARING AT LAST INTO THE VAPOROUS NOTHINGNESS WHENCE IT CAME...



AND...

MUST CHANGE BACK NOW, BACK TO THE MORTAL FORM OF...

NO! I WILL NOT CHANGE BACK!



I WILL NOT CHANGE BACK!

Y-YOU MUST CHANGE BACK! YOU MUST!



GOT TO CONCENTRATE. GIVE IT EVERY OUNCE OF WILL POWER I'VE GOT... GOT TO PULL THE GHOST RIDER INSIDE ME REASSERT THE CONTROL OF



JOHNNY BLAZE!

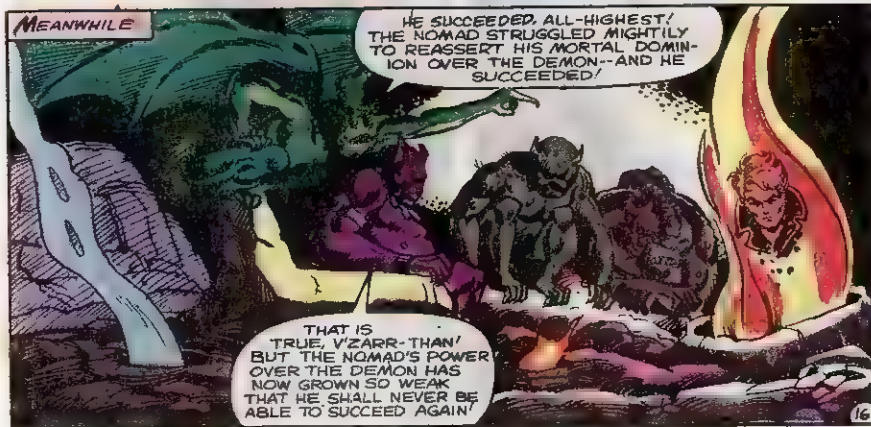
THANK HEAVENS! I DID IT! I'M JOHNNY BLAZE! I'M A HUMAN BEING AGAIN!



MEANWHILE

HE SUCCEEDED, ALL-HIGHEST! THE NOMAD STRUGGLED MIGHTILY TO REASSERT HIS MORTAL DOMINION OVER THE DEMON--AND HE SUCCEEDED!

THAT IS TRUE, V'ZARR--THAN! BUT THE NOMAD'S POWER OVER THE DEMON HAS NOW GROWN SO WEAK THAT HE SHALL NEVER BE ABLE TO SUCCEED AGAIN!





FOR IF HE CALLS FORTH HIS DEMON SELF ONE MORE TIME BEFORE THE SOULS COURED THROUGH THE NETHERGLASS, HE SHALL FIND HIMSELF TRAPPED FOREVER WITHIN THE BODY OF THE DEMON--!



AND ONCE THAT GLORIOUS MOMENT COMES, THE GHOST RIDER SHALL BE A THING OF EVIL TOTALLY WITHOUT RESTRAINT-- A THING OF EVIL THAT SHALL BE MINE TO CONTROL!



LATER

AND I GUESS THAT'S ABOUT IT, TABICANTRA! I JUST HIT THE ROAD ON MY CYCLE AND I'VE BEEN BUMMING AROUND THE COUNTRY EVER SINCE!

IN SPITE OF ALL MY EFFORTS TO REMAIN ALOOF, I FIND MYSELF FASCINATED BY HIM. CAN IT BE THAT MY LENGTHY SOJOURN IN THE NETHERWORLD HAS NOT REALLY ERADICATED EVERY LAST VESTIGE OF MY HUMAN EMOTIONS AS I ONCE THOUGHT?

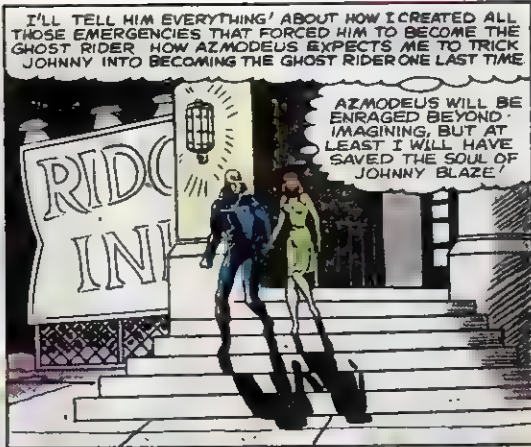


I MUST WARN HIM OF THE PLOT AGAINST HIM! I MUST WARN HIM THAT IF HE BECOMES THE GHOST RIDER ONE MORE TIME HIS MORTAL SELF WILL BECOME TRAPPED FOREVER INSIDE THE BODY OF THE DEMON AND THE DEMON WILL THEN BECOME THE PAWN OF AZMODEUS!



JOHNNY, PLEASE! THERE'S SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU! SOMETHING...

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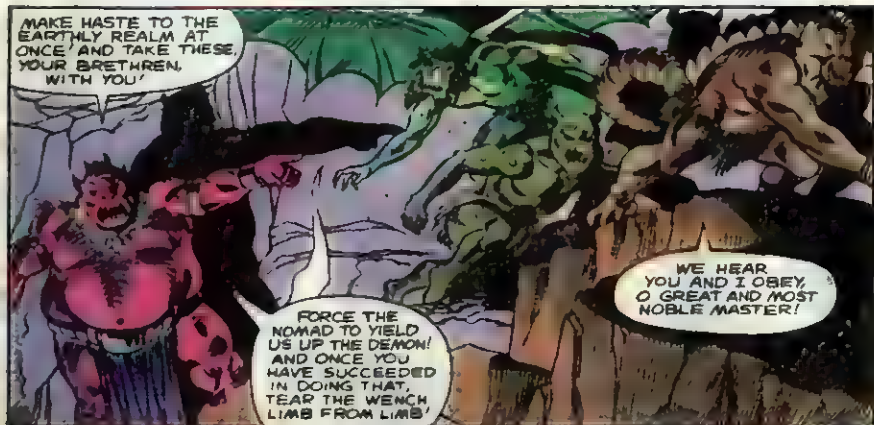
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WE HEAR YOU AND I OBEY, O GREAT AND MOST NOBLE MASTER!



MEANWHILE

OKAY, TABICANTRA! WHAT'S THAT IMPORTANT THING YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO TELL ME?

OH NO! IT IS TOO LATE! ALREADY AZMODEUS HAS DIVINED MY INTENTION TO BETRAY HIM AND DISPATCHED HIS SLAVERING DOOM-THINGS TO ANNIHILATE US BOTH!



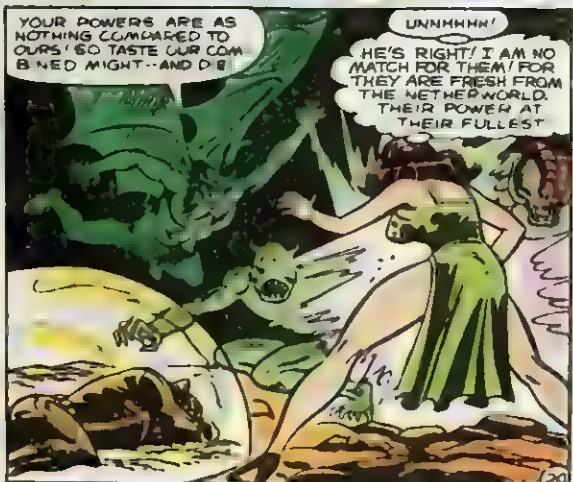
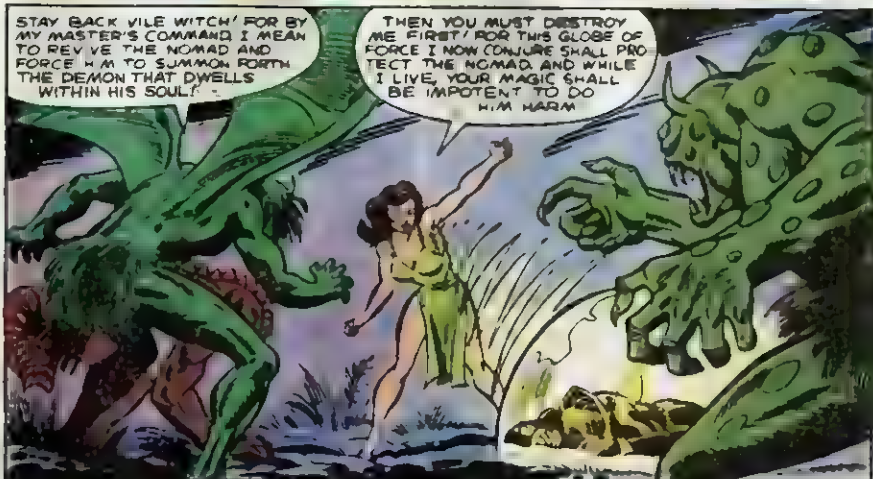
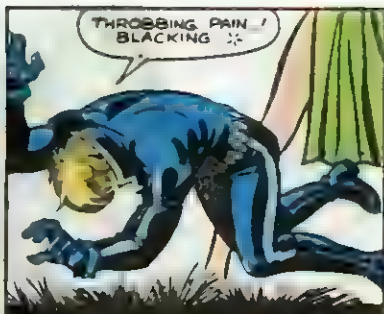
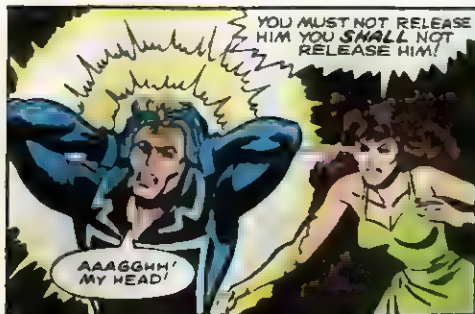
JOHNNY! LOOK--!!

HOLY CHRISTMAS! I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON AROUND HERE! BUT I SURE DO KNOW ONE THING! JOHNNY BLAZE WOULDN'T STAND A SNOWBALL'S CHANCE AGAINST THOSE MONSTROSITIES.



--WHICH MEANS THIS IS A JOB FOR--

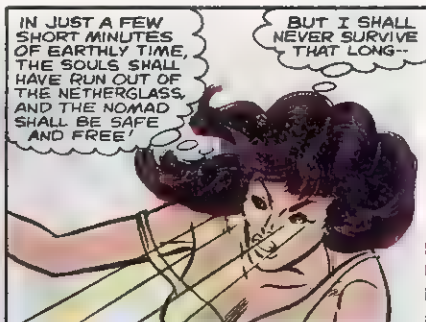
JOHNNY! NO! YOU MUST NOT RELEASE THE DEMON FROM HIS DWELLING PLACE WITHIN YOU!





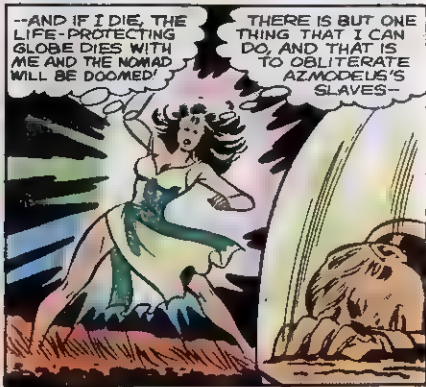
--WHILE MUCH OF MY STRENGTH IS BEING DRAINED AWAY TO SUSTAIN THE FORCE-GLOBE THAT SAFEGUARDS THE LIFE OF JOHNNY BLAZE!

SHE IS GROWING WEAKER BY THE INSTANT. V'ZARR-TAN! WITHIN SECONDS SHE SHALL BE UTTERLY DESTROYED!



IN JUST A FEW SHORT MINUTES OF EARTHLY TIME, THE SOULS SHALL HAVE RUN OUT OF THE NETHERGLASS, AND THE NOMAD SHALL BE SAFE AND FREE!

BUT I SHALL NEVER SURVIVE THAT LONG--



--AND IF I DIE, THE LIFE-PROTECTING GLOBE DIES WITH ME AND THE NOMAD WILL BE DOOMED!

THERE IS BUT ONE THING THAT I CAN DO, AND THAT IS TO OBLITERATE AZMODEUS'S SLAVES--



--BY DRAINING AWAY MY OWN LIFE-FORCE AND USING ITS POWER TO AUGMENT THE STRENGTH OF MY WANING MAGIC!

WHEN THE NOMAD THOUGHT I WAS IN DANGER, HE RISKED HIS LIFE TO RESCUE ME!

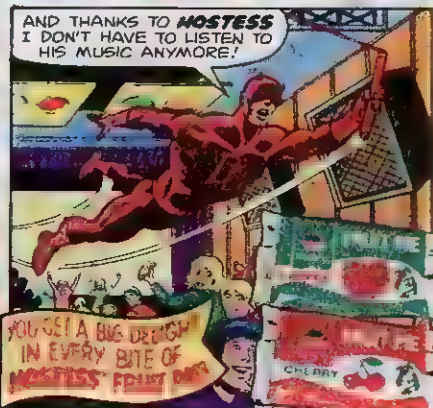
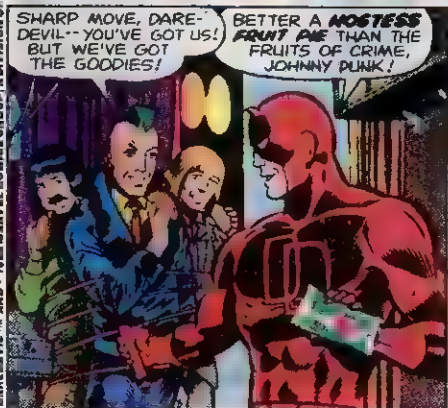
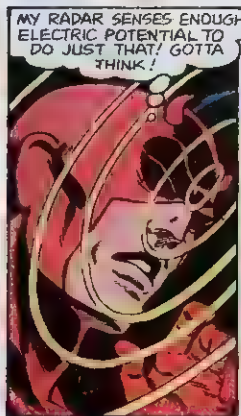
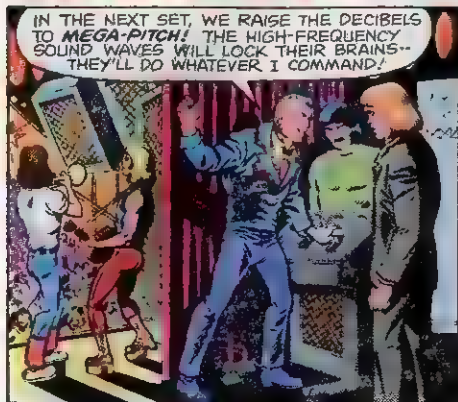


HOW CAN I OFFER ANY LESS THAN MY OWN LIFE TO THE NOMAD NOW THAT HE DEPENDS ON ME?

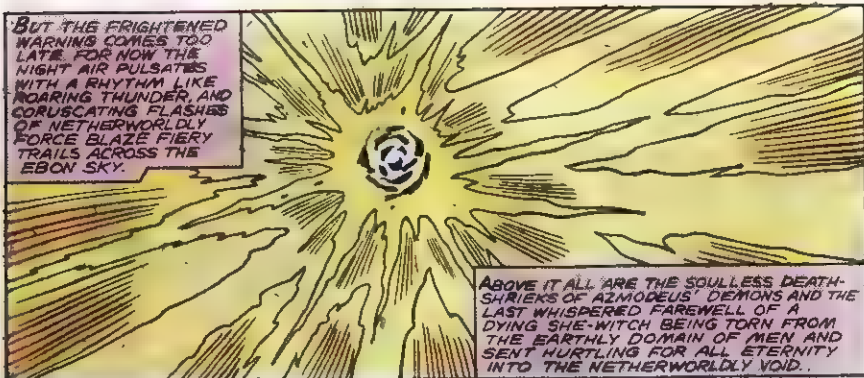
LOOK! THE SHE-WITCH PULSATES WITH ALL THE SAVAGE BRILLIANCE OF A DYING LIFE-FORCE!

BACK! STAY BACK! THE SLATTERN MEANS TO DESTROY US ALL!

DAREDEVIL VS. JOHNNY PUNK!



BUT THE FRIGHTENED WARNING COMES TOO LATE FOR NOW THE NIGHT AIR PULSATES WITH A RHYTHM LIKE ROARING THUNDER, AND CORUSCATING FLASHES OF NETHERWORLDLY FORCE BLAZE FIERY TRAILS ACROSS THE EBON SKY.



ABOVE IT ALL ARE THE SOULLESS DEATH-SHRIEKS OF AZMODEUS' DEMONS AND THE LAST WHISPERED FAREWELL OF A DYING SHE-WITCH BEING TORN FROM THE EARTHLY DOMAIN OF MEN AND SENT HURTLING FOR ALL ETERNITY INTO THE NETHERWORLDLY VOID.

AND SECONDS LATER



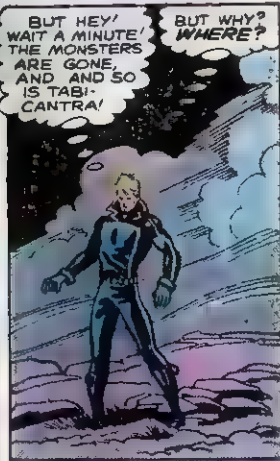
OH, BROTHER! WHAT HIT ME?

THE LAST THING I REMEMBER IS SEEING THOSE MONSTERS, AND THEN TABICANTRA STARING AT ME IN THIS WEIRD, INTENSE--



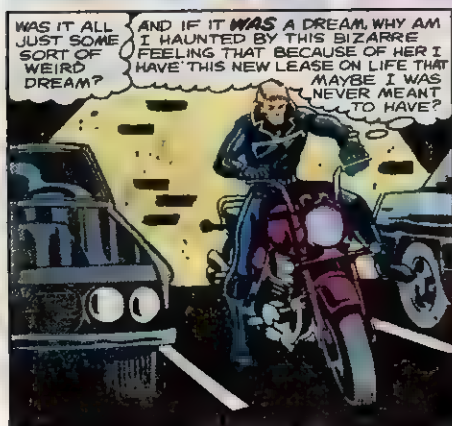
BUT HEY! WAIT A MINUTE! THE MONSTERS ARE GONE, AND AND SO IS TABICANTRA!

BUT WHY? WHERE?

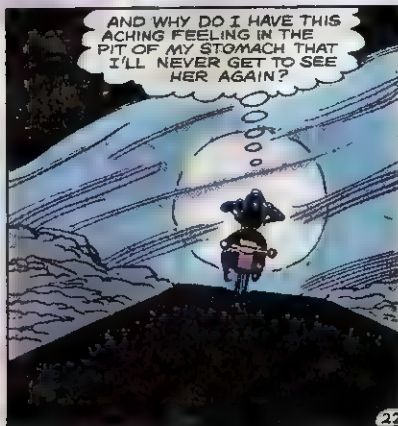


WAS IT ALL JUST SOME SORT OF WEIRD DREAM?

AND IF IT *WAS* A DREAM, WHY AM I HAUNTED BY THIS BIZARRE FEELING THAT BECAUSE OF HER I HAVE THIS NEW LEASE ON LIFE THAT MAYBE I WAS NEVER MEANT TO HAVE?



AND WHY DO I HAVE THIS ACHING FEELING IN THE PIT OF MY STOMACH THAT I'LL NEVER GET TO SEE HER AGAIN?



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I was around in the beginning and I'm really glad to say that I'm still here and proud to witness Ghost Rider's 50th issue! And it was nothing short of greatness! The new Ghost Rider meeting the original Ghost Rider of long ago (i.e., The Night Rider), and by way of slipping into NAR's era! It was simply too marvelous—too mind-boggling to praise adequately!

It was for me a nostalgic trip. To again see Night Rider in action, and side by side with The Ghost Rider!

All I can say is that those who missed this issue will be sorry. It was a tremendous story, a historic point in the Ghost Rider's life and, well, my thanks for keeping this "Age of Marvel!" (unsigned)

East Alton, IL 62024

Thanks for the rave review, pal. Fact is, our ultra-special double-sized 50th issue prompted the most tremendous (and tremendously gratifying) outpouring of Ghost Rider mail in our memory. Here are comments from a few of your fellow readers...

Dear Friends:

Just a few comments on my #1 Marvel character:

Issue fifty was a real step up from some of the previous efforts that have come out in the past six months or so. Fifty was a truly special book.

I like the new touch of flames from GR's eye sockets. One improvement I would like to suggest is that GR use the phrase "mortal fool" more often, as he did, sometimes too often, in years past. It was always a blood-chilling sight to witness GR walk up to his adversary unexpectedly from the rear and exclaim those mocking words.

Mort L. Phew!
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Mike & Don:

Just a quickie note to let you know how I felt about GHOST RIDER #50.

I have followed Ghost Rider since MARVEL SPOTLIGHT #45, back in '72. In the past eight years, I have read some very good stories, a few very bad, and many just to keep up with the series. Through it all, I have always enjoyed Ghost Rider. Still, I have yet to read a Ghost Rider story as good as #50. Hats off to you, gentlemen. You've made one reader very happy.

Tom A. Field
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And you've made us very happy, Tom and Mort, with your very kind words about our 50th ish. We wish we could have

pleased every single one of you, but this time out, as our next letter demonstrates, we're afraid we'll have to settle for 50%.

Michael Fleisher:

I never heard of the Night Rider.

I have issues 1, 2, and 3 of an old Marvel comic called GHOST RIDER, about a western character about a century ago. He wore a white outfit and had a horse named Banshee. He had been a schoolteacher heading west until he was shot and left for dead, only to be helped by an Indian who gathered a glowing dust with which the teacher (Carter Slade) covered his outfit. He also had a cape with which he made portions of himself "disappear".

Carter Slade, local schoolteacher by day, became at night the scourge of the west, known as "He Who Rides the Night Winds..."

The Ghost Rider!
Repeat, "Ghost Rider". Not Night Rider.

If you were having problems using the same name for two characters, you should have worked that out before presenting the story. But to change a character's name after it had been established in his own magazine is just too much for your readers to swallow.

While I'm being nasty, here's another problem: your index to the appearances of The Ghost Rider isn't complete. I don't know of all the places GR has appeared, but I do know he's been in a couple of issues of MARVEL TEAM-UP, which isn't listed at all.

The 50th issue of Ghost Rider was a landmark I was looking forward to. I was very disappointed. But I don't want to sound totally negative, so I'll admit: the cover was fabulous. Really.

Rick S. Jones
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A number of our longtime readers chided us for calling our phantom night-riding horseman The Night Rider, Rick, and, to tell the honest truth, we have some misgivings about the name change ourselves. But we didn't make the change. It was made some years ago, in the early seventies, when the old Ghost Rider's tales were first being reprinted and after the new Ghost Rider (Johnny Blaze) had been introduced. To avoid constant name confusion, the name of the old character was changed to Night Rider, and, to be frank, it is as the Night Rider that the early Phantom of the Night Winds is best known to most of our current readers. On the question of the incomplete index, we plead guilty. In fact, we'd like to

thank those of you sharp-sighted Marvelites who caught the omissions.

Reader Mark Schurke cops two prizes for the most complete list of Ghosty's missing guest shots. They are: MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE #6, MARVEL TEAM-UP #15, #6, and #1, HUMAN FLY #2, WHAT IF #17, SUPER-VILLAIN TEAM-UP #14, IRON MAN ANNUAL #4, and AVENGERS #151. Whew! Anyone out there find any others?

Dear Michael and Denny:

GHOST RIDER #50 has my vote for the best Marvel comic of 1990. It has been a treat to read this book since Mike took over the book. The stories that have been turned out over the last 15 issues have been 100% better than what had gone before. But the reason that #50 was such a treat wasn't because of The Ghost Rider but because of The Night Rider, or the original Ghost Rider.

Yes, that's right, it was that herb of the Old West who made the issue the classic that it is: You see, I'm one of those old western comic buffs. In fact, it wasn't superhero comics that made me start reading comics, it was the westerns. I remember all of the great western heroes that used to be published by Marvel: The Night Rider, Kid Colt, Rawhide Kid, Two-Gun Kid, Ringo Kid, and many others. It's sad to think that none of those great books is being published today.

I hope this letter gets printed because it is an appeal to the two of you, to Stan Lee and Jim Shooter, and to the rest of the creative people at Marvel to give the readers back some of those good old times. I'm sure that I'm not the only person to wish for those westerns to come back, and there are a lot of new readers who would probably enjoy reading them. You certainly have enough writers and artists at Marvel to handle these books. I would certainly be worth the time to give those heroes of yesterday another chance.

I know that we are in the age of Star Wars, but I think that in the hearts of the readers there is space for Kid Colt and the Night Rider. Why not give them a try?

John Zuber, Jr.
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Yours is a moving and eloquent plea, John, and since we're longtime western fans ourselves, you've got us firmly on your side. Westerns don't seem to be making it big in the mass media these days, but those of us who remember the old days, and love them will keep hanging in there fighting for a western comeback.

—Michael Fleisher

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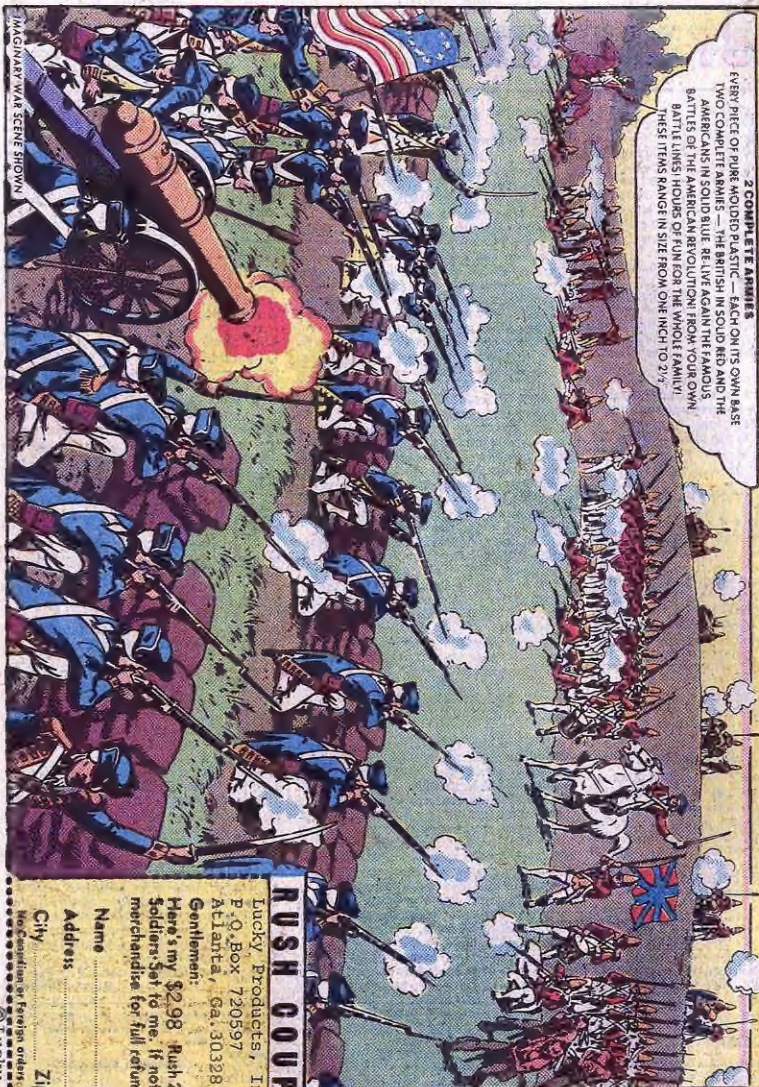
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